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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 57 6 1 53(d)

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) of prior pending patent application • Serial No. 09/254578, filed on April 14, 1999 entitled FILE, PARTICULARLY NAIL FILE by the following inventor(s):

| Full Name Of Inventor | Family Name BLAZEK | First Given Name Dalibor | Second Given Name |
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| Residence & Citizenship | City Podebrady | State or Foreign Country The Czech Republic | Country of Citizenship The Czech Republic |
| Post Office Address | Post Office Address Olbrachtova 600/II | City 290 01 Podebrady | State & Zip Code/Country The Czech Republic |

The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

1. Enter the amendment previously filed on , but unentered, in the prior application.

2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above:

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| TOTAL CLAIMS: 25 | -20 | 5 | x | \$9 | \$45.00 |
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| \boxtimes | Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27. | | | | | |
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| 3. | \boxtimes | Payment of fees: | | | | |
| 4. | | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725. | | | | |
| 5. | | Priority of application PCT/CZ98/00030 filed July 9, 1998, which claims priority of Application Serial Number: PUV 6936-97, filed on July 10, 1997, was filed in CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Priority of this application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119., is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. | | | | |
| 6. | \boxtimes | The certified copy has been filed in the international stage. | | | | |
| 7. | | The prior application is assigned of record to located at . | | | | |
| 8. | \boxtimes | The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: | | | | |
| | | Merchant & Gould P.C. Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612/332-5300) | | | | |
| 9. | | A petition and fee to extend the term in the prior application until are enclosed herewith. | | | | |
| 10. | | The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted: | | | | |
| 11. | \boxtimes | Also Enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 4 Reference(s) | | | | |
| 12. | \boxtimes | Address all future communications to the Attention of John J. Gresens (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below. | | | | |
| 13. | \boxtimes | A return postcard is enclosed. | | | | |
| | | Respectfully submitted, | | | | |
| | | MERCHANT & GOULD P.C. P.O. Box 2903 Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903 612/332-5300 | | | | |
| Date: | March 2 | 29, 2001 John J. Gresens Reg. No. 33(112 JJGresens/rw | | | | |

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